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ABSTRACT

This book is written for teachers, librarians, museum staff, educational program leaders, and parents who are often faced with a myriad of questions from children about insects. Questions were obtained during visits to schools and published solicitation and represent those most commonly asked. There are 210 questions from children representing 18 schools, 16 cities, and 13 states. Questions are grouped by common themes into nine chapters: (1) Abundance and Existence; (2) Appearance; (3) Body Parts and Functions; (4) Size, Strength, and Speed; (5) Behavior; (6) Homes and Habitats; (7) Foods for Insects and Insects as Food; (8) Health and Safety; and (9) Insect Relatives. Each question is written as the child posed it and answered with a minimum of technical jargon and scientific terminology. At the end of each chapter are proposed projects and activities for children related to the chapter theme. This book can supplement existing curricula or be a periodic guide to special activities. Contains references for additional information. (Author/AIM)

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